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NEWSLETTER 6

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Dear Parents/Carers

How quickly this half term has flown by! There have been successful Friday Feasts - thank you for supporting these - a wonderful class assembly by Mrs Knapman and Miss Plumridge's class yesterday, and visits from a Roman Soldier to Years 3/4 and Years 1/2 had a lovely encounter with some owls! In addition to this, our PTFA held a successful Family Chocolate Bingo evening - thank you to all of you who supported this. A great first event which raised well over £400.

Next week is half term, Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February. The children will return to school on Monday 25 February.

SCHOOL GATEWAY

School Gateway is fast becoming our main way of providing wide-spread communication to all our parents. We can send letters home via email, and the text service is particularly useful when clubs have to be cancelled, sometimes at short notice. In addition to this, parents are able to use School Gateway to make payments for various school activities, including residentials, school trips, and Breakfast Club.

We hope that the majority of parents sign up to School Gateway so please take time over half term week to visit the website or app. If you are having trouble logging in it may be because we do not have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please contact the school office after half term if this is the case and we will update the details on our system.

WORLD BOOK WEEK

Thursday 7 March is World Book Day when we celebrate the joy of books and reading. There will be exciting activities in school throughout the week including a performance of "Treasure!" by the West End in Schools Theatre Company on Thursday 7 March. Friday 8 March will also be "Come as a Character Day" where children (and staff) may come to school dressed as one of their favourite fictional characters! It promises to be a fun-filled week!

500 WORDS COMPETITION - RADIO TWO

"500 Words" is the country's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. Last year, 134,790 children entered, and a number of Bowhill children got through to the second round. Perhaps your child would like to enter this year? If so, half term may be the ideal time to think about their story. Details can be found on the BBC website at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1> or search for "500 Words competition 2019". The closing date is 7.00 p.m. on Friday 8 March - good luck!

A FEW REMINDERS

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Can we remind everyone that children should not be using the adventure playground equipment either before or after school. Also our children know they should not ride their scooters or bicycles in the school grounds - could younger siblings also follow these rules whilst on site - thank you.

Don't forget to keep checking our website which we update with news, photos and links - www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk

DOGS

Can we please remind everyone that dogs should not be brought onto school premises. This includes the playgrounds or car park.

LOST PROPERTY

No sooner do we manage to clear the lost property boxes, then they seem to fill up again! Our lost property is sorted through thoroughly on a weekly basis. We encourage our pupils to take responsibility for their items - can we ask that you support this at home as well please. To make it easier to return lost property to their owner please clearly name any items that your child brings to school, including lunchboxes and fruit pots.

BEN SIMONS FOOTBALL CLUB - FRIDAYS - 3.30 PM - 4.40 PM

There are a couple of spaces available for Ben Simons Football Club, held each Friday 3.30 p.m. to 4.40 p.m. Please email Ben at simonsoccerschools@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

LONDON RESIDENTIAL

The next instalment of £50 was due by today, Friday 15 February. If your instalment is outstanding you can make payment via School Gateway, or send a cheque into school on Monday 25 February. Cheques should be made payable to Bowhill Primary School. Thank you.

THREADWORMS

We have become aware of an outbreak of threadworms in the local community. They are common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing your GP. If you think your child may be infected, please follow NHS advice which can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Threadworms/>.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

At Bowhill we aim to work in partnership with parents to support children throughout their primary years. We all face challenges from time to time and should you need support or a sympathetic ear we employ a Parent Support Adviser who can offer just that:

Hello - my name is Jess Crabtree and I am your Parent Support Adviser here at Bowhill Primary school. I have worked in a supporting role in education for over 12 years and have just returned from maternity leave after having my baby girl in April.

My job is to offer advice and support in a non-judgmental way on common family issues that can affect you and your child and to ensure that the children who attend Bowhill feel safe and listened to.

I aim to offer confidential support to parents, carers and children on a range of issues including: promoting attendance, managing behaviour, depression and anxiety, domestic violence and abuse, relationships, bullying, transition to secondary school, finances/food bank vouchers, and signposting to other agencies and local services. How to contact me - my usual working hours are:

- Tuesday 8.30-4.00
- Wednesday 8.30- 4.00
- Friday 8.30- 4.00
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If you would like to make an appointment to see me please contact the school office or send a text to 07879045908 stating your name and child's name and I will be in touch as soon as possible.

Enjoy the half term break.

Miss Caren Brooks
Headteacher



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